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the Same in Diagnosis and Therapy

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-24.

Please add new claims 25-28.

25. An active enzyme lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 at least 95% pure relative to other protein contaminants, wherein said enzyme is capable of hydrolyzing the sn-2 ester of an oxidatively modified phosphatidylcholine.

26. The enzyme lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 according to claim 25, having a molecular weight of from about 45 kDa to about 50 kDa and comprising at least one feature selected from the following: SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 4, 10, or 11.

27. The enzyme lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 according to claim 25, having an amino acid sequence encoded by the sequence given in SEQ ID NO: 9, or a fragment thereof having lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 activity.

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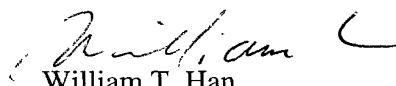
28. An enzyme lipoprotein associated phospholipase A2 comprising the amino acid sequence encoded by nucleic acids 929 to 1018 of SEQ ID NO: 9, which is at least 95% pure relative to other protein contaminants.

REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-24 were cancelled. New claims 25-28 were added.

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